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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN VIEW OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON SEPTEMBER 29 (OTHER SUBJECTS SEPTELS) I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ADJALI FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN WAKE OF COLOMBO SUMMIT. ADJALI RESPONDED THAT, WHILE HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO GIVE DETACHED VIEW, HE BELIEVED CONFERENCE HAD GIVEN NEW DIMENSION TO MOVEMENT. IT WAS TRUE, OF COURSE, THAT CONFERENCE HAD NOT SETTLED ALL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING NON-ALIGNED BUT IT HAD NEVER HAD THIS MISSION. NON-ALIGNED GATHERINGS WERE AIMED AT CONCERTATION AND COORDINATION.

2. FORMAL VOTES, ADJALI COMMENTED, NOT IN NON-ALIGNED TRADITION. WHEN TEXTS ADOPTED IT IS BY GENERAL CONSENSUS. IT ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT FIVE OR SIX MEMBERS MIGHT EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ON LANGUAGE OF PARTICULAR RESOLUTION. THIS DID NOT MEAN THEY FORMALLY OPPOSED TEXT BUT SIMPLY THAT THEY COULD NOT GIVE

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HAD BEEN EXPRESSED, ADJALI NOTED, WERE THOSE ON KOREA AND TIMOR. COUNTRIES EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS SEEMED OFTEN TO CONSTITUTE PASSIVE, UNDYNAMIC WING OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THEY MADE RESERVATIONS BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DEBATE.

3. IN SUM, ADJALI SAID, OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THIRD-WORLD STATES CONTINUED TO SEE THEMSELVES AS NON-ALIGNED IN HISTORICAL SENSE. SOME ELEMENTS THOUGHT THAT NON-ALIGNMENT MUST TAKE ON NEW FORM, BUT MOST WERE FOR GREATEST POSSIBLE VIGOR, RATHER THAN CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION. AS EXAMPLES OF COUNTRIES WISHING TO CONTINUE HISTORICAL NON-ALIGNMENT, ADJALI CITED ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

4. WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTIONS, ADJALI SAID LANGUAGE SOMETIMES LESS THAN PERFECT BUT IDEAS GENERALLY VALID.

5. UPON CONCLUSION OF HIS PRESENTATION, ADJALI ASKED ME FOR OUR APPRECIATION OF COLOMBO AND NON-ALIGNED. HE HAD NOT, HE SAID, SEEN MUCH MATERIAL ON CURRENT US ATTITUDE. US VIEW, I SAID, WAS THAT CONFERENCE HAD ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF CONSENSUS BUT THAT WE CONTINUED TO FIND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OFTEN FAILED TO BE NON-ALIGNED. SPECIFICALLY, WE THOUGHT RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED NON-ALIGNED. IN THIS CONNECTION, I EXPRESSED HOPE ADJALI HAD SEEN DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON KOREAN QUESTION WHICH I HAD GIVEN TO ABERKANE SEVERAL WEEKS BACK.

6. COMMENT: UNLIKE HIS SUBORDINATE HADJ AZZOUT (ALGIERS 2195 NOTAL) ADJALI SEEMED UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE THAT MODERATES IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BEGINNING TO ASSERT THEMSELVES. HE SEEMED MORE COMFORTABLE WITH TRADITIONAL VIEW THAT MODERATE ELEMENTS WILLING TO BE PUSHED AROUND BY RADICALS AND THAT RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED ON RESOLUTIONS NOT SIGNIFICANT. PARKER

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